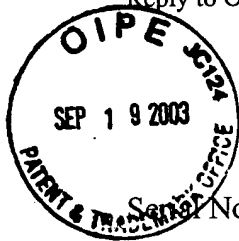


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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for reply to the Office Action dated May 20, 2003 for one (1) month from August 20, 2003 to September 20, 2003. Applicants submit a check in the amount of \$110.00 for the fee for a one (1) month extension of time. Applicants hereby authorize the

Commissioner to charge any additional fees that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account 07-0153.

In response to the non-final Office action mailed May 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 29 of this paper.